Society Rules & Regulations, the setting up of Sainik Schools is contingent to the State Government committing to provide necessary finances (capital and recurring expenditure). The Government of Bihar has not given such a commitment.

Multi Role Transport Aircraft

3378. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on the design and development of the Multi Role Transport Aircraft by HAL Ltd., and a Russian Consortium has reached an advanced stage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The work on the design and development of Multi Role Transport Aircraft (MTA) has not yet started. A Heads of Agreement has been signed between HAL and Russian entities to jointly prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to establish the viability of the MTA Project.

Bharat Earth Movers Limited

3379. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has shown all-round progress and improvements during the recent years;

(b) if so,the details of the turn-over as well as profits earned by the Company during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and projected turn-over and profit for 2001-2002;

(c) the details of the specilized supplies made to Coal India Limited, Railways and foreign countries during the aforesaid period;

(d) whether the Company has recently embarked upon the cost efficient methods of its products and also production of specialized equipment for Disaster Management Programmes; and

(e) if so, the success achievement in this regared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) The details of turn over and profit earned by Bharat Earth Movers Limited during the last four years and projected turnover and profit for the current year are as follows:—

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